

Marcel Gustke – Biography

Born on 18 March 1983 in Heilbronn, Germany Marcel Gustke started playing the drums at the age of four. After getting his German high school degree in 2003 he started to take lessons with drummers like Obi Jenne (Freelancer), Holger Nell (Bobby Burgess Big Band Explosion, Thilo Wolf Big Band), Paul Höchstädter (Hesse Broadcasting Big Band), Flo Dauner (Die Fantastischen Vier), and Peter Lübke (Udo Jürgens, Pepe Lienhard).

From October 2004 till June 2009 Marcel Gustke attended the State University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart, Germany majoring in Jazz and Popular Music. Among his teachers were Manfred Kniel and Eckhard Stromer.

Being a part of the Jazzophonics Big Band for many years he had the chance to play with musicians like Ack van Rooyen, Klaus Graf, Axel Schlosser, Wolf Kerschek, Steffen Schorn, Nils Gessinger, and Peter Weniger.

In the past years Marcel Gustke has been able to collect valuable experience performing at numerous concerts in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, France, Norway, England, Italy, and Russia. Among these were concerts in well-known jazz clubs (A-Trane, Berlin; Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, London) as well as performances at festivals (International Jazz Week Burghausen, Germany; Oslo Jazz-Festival, Norway; Jazz Open Stuttgart, Germany).

As a drummer in demand Marcel Gustke plays in several bands with different styles (jazz, pop, funk, soul,...) and performed at concerts with Anne Wylie Band, Ack van Rooyen, Barbara Dennerlein, Bobby Burgess Big Band Explosion, Dave Lewis, Davide Petrocca, Frank Harrison, Fola Dada, Georg Preusse (Mary), German Pops Orchestra, Helen Schneider, Jacinta, Jazz Factory Orchestra, Joo Kraus, Klaus Graf Quartett, Ludwig Nuss, Max Greger Jun., Nils Gessinger, Peter Weniger, Rhoda Scott, Sandy Patton, Thomas Siffling Trio, Wolf Kerschek, Wolfgang Schmid and many more...